GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURING OF SPURIOUS INSECTICIDES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi-based Agro Chemicals Policy Groups has made any complaint to the Government regarding destruction of crops of the farmers worth millions of rupees due to spurious insecticides;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any action against the manufacturers of spurious insecticides and to compensate the losses suffered by the farmers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to take any concrete step in the near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The Government has received representations from the pesticide industry regarding manufacture and sale of spurious pesticides in the market.

(b) to (e): To regulate inter alia import and sale of pesticides the manufacture, in the country, Government of India has enacted the Insecticides Act 1968 and has made Rules thereunder. Under the Act, manufacturers of insecticides must obtain a manufacturing license from the State Government and the product registration from the Central Government. The enforcement of provisions of the Act relating to manufacture and sale of insecticides primarily rests with the State Governments. The State Governments have set up 62 State Pesticides Testing Laboratories. Samples of pesticides are taken regularly for testing in the laboratories. The Central Government has set up a Central Insecticides Laboratory under section 16 of the Act to perform the statutory role of referral analysis. There are provisions in the Act to provide punishment to the offenders.

The Central Government also conducts awareness campaign by way of advertisements in national as local newspapers against spurious pesticides.